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She hath her portion all in Houſhold goods
Yet none of thoſe that wear ſcarfs and Hoods.
For ſhe commends her ſelf to any man,
That will but pleaſe her all the beſt he can.

To the new Weſtcountry Tune: Or
Hogh when ſhall I be married? - by L. W.

O When ſhall I be married,
hogh be married?
My beauty begins to decay:
'Tis time to find out ſomebody,
hogh ſome body,
Before it is quite gone away.

My Father hath forty good ſhillings,
hogh good ſhillings,
And never a daughter but I:
My mother is alſo willing,
hogh ſo willing
That I ſhall have all if ſhe dye,

I have gotten ſome money about me
hogh about me
For to help me in time of need:
Five ſhillings pray do not flout, me
hogh not flout me
For I will be marrid with ſpeed.

My Father did give me a diſh,
hogh and a ſpoon,
And a Table made of an old board:
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My mother she gave me a Ladle
hogh a Ladle
And that for the present lies by;
My aunt she gave me untill a cradle
hogh a cradle
When any man with me does ly.

A pipkin my Winkle he gave me
hogh he gave me
And milk porridge in it to make:
And I let them burn to so brakely,
hogh so bravely
To shew that a slut I do hate.

I have got two spoons & a trencher,
hogh a trencher
With porringers made of clay:
Some spoons has three dishes to a wencher,
hough a wencher
I wish he would keep me away.

I have got a soft bed to ly on
hough to ly on
With feathers an ell long I say
But the most of all my sorrow
hough my sorrow
Is for want of Marchello's play.

Fine pigging & naggins my cozen
hogh my cozen
Has gave me three more so good:
With [illegible]
hogh a dozen
And a chamber pot made of wood.

Then I have declared
hogh declared
[illegible]
hogh declared
For now I a maiden should ly.

If any young man will have me
hough will have me
And [illegible]
I will [illegible]
hogh so bravely
And treat him with curds & cream.

For I'm a girle that's willing
hogh is willing
To change my maiden name:
So [illegible]
hogh be willing
I don't care from whence he came.

Then Thomas, Robin or Willy,
hogh or Willy
Come any that is a man:
Let he Ralph, or Jarvis silly
hogh wise or silly
Come love me as well as you can.

If any one will me marry,
hogh me marry
[illegible]
[illegible]
I [illegible]

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